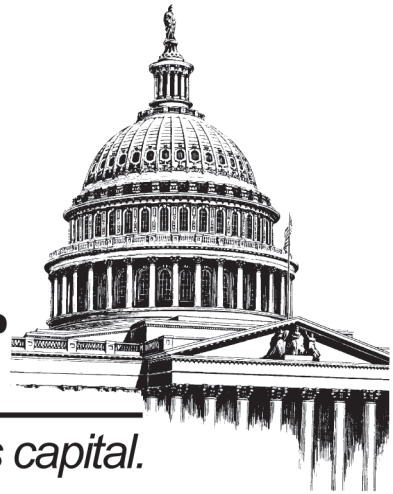


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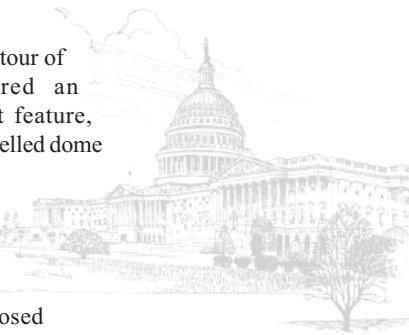
## The U.S. Capitol

The U.S. Capitol is one of the best places to start your tour of Washington. The building itself is considered an architectural masterpiece, and its most prominent feature, the Dome, is one of the largest in the world. The twin-shelled dome stands 285 feet above the ground and weighs 9 million pounds, and the 19-foot statue on top of the dome is called *Freedom*. Inside the dome are priceless works of art depicting scenes in American history. Guided tours are conducted daily from 9am to 3:45pm starting in the Rotunda. The Capitol is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Special passes are available in all congressional offices which allow you to visit both the House and Senate Galleries.

PHONE: (202) 225-6827

METRO: Capitol South

WEB: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)



### GETTING TO DC The Airports

#### REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

PHONE: (703) 417-8000

WEB: [www.metwashairports.com/National](http://www.metwashairports.com/National)

#### DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

PHONE: (703) 572-2700

WEB: [www.metwashairports.com/Dulles](http://www.metwashairports.com/Dulles)

#### BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

PHONE: (800) I-FLY-BWI

WEB: [www.bwiairport.com](http://www.bwiairport.com)

### The Train

Amtrak trains reach Washington, DC at Union Station and in nearby locations in Maryland and Virginia.

PHONE: 800-USA-RAIL

WEB: [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

### The Bus

Greyhound Bus Lines also reach Washington, DC and its surrounding areas.

PHONE: 800-231-2222

WEB: [www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)

### GETTING AROUND DC The Metro

Trains run weekdays, 5:30am to midnight, and weekends, 8am to midnight. The base fare is \$1.10 and the actual price you pay depends on the time of day and distance traveled. Children under the age of five ride free when escorted by a paying passenger, but there is a maximum of two children per paying adult. Day passes are available for \$5. Buy your ticket at the farecard machines at each station. Make sure you hang on to the card - you will need it to exit at your destination. Map available at [www.gil.house.gov](http://www.gil.house.gov).

PHONE: (202) 637-7000

## The White House

Congressional offices may receive a limited number of tickets each week for special tours of the White House. Because the demand is great and the tours fill up quickly, these tickets are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, please make your ticket requests well in advance – preferably two months or more – and ask for at least two possible tour dates. If passes for the congressional tours are unavailable, you can still take part in the regular visitors' tour. The White House is open for tours on Tuesday through Saturday. Timed

tickets are required from the White House Visitors' Center,

located at 15th and E Streets, and are available to pick up from 7:30am until noon. Tickets do go quick, so it's advisable to be there early.

PHONE: (202) 456-2200

METRO: McPherson Square or Farragut West

WEB: [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)



## Across the Potomac

### **ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**

*Across the Memorial Bridge in Virginia.* Open 8am to 7pm April through September; 8am to 5pm October through March. Changing of the Guard occurs every hour on the hour and every half hour during summer months.

PHONE: (703) 695-3250

METRO: Arlington Cemetery

WEB: [www.arlingtoncemetery.com](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.com)

### **IWO JIMA MEMORIAL**

*North edge of Arlington Cemetery.* This statue was erected to honor Marines who lost their lives in service to the US since the founding of the Marine Corps in 1775. Evening parades are Tuesdays on the grounds at 7pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

METRO: Rosslyn

WEB: [www.nps.gov/gwmp/usmc.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/usmc.htm)

### **THE PENTAGON**

*Across the 14th Street Bridge in Virginia.* Open 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday.

PHONE: (703) 614-1642

METRO: Pentagon

WEB: [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil)

### **WWII WOMEN'S MONUMENT**

*At the entrance to Arlington Cemetery.* This memorial is dedicated to the 2 million women who have served our nation's military since 1776.

METRO: Arlington Cemetery

WEB: [www.nps.gov/gwmp/wimsa.htm](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/wimsa.htm)

### **MOUNT VERNON**

*Ten miles south of DC.* George Washington's lovely home offers breathtaking views of the Potomac. Open roughly 9am to 5pm.

PHONE: (703) 780-2000

WEB: [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)

### **NEWSEUM**

*1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.* America's only interactive museum of news. Visitors can reenact the greatest news stories of all time. Open 10am to 5pm Wednesday through Sunday.

PHONE: (703) 284-3700

METRO: Rosslyn

WEB: [www.newseum.org](http://www.newseum.org)

## Helpful Washington Websites

[www.ci.washington.dc.us](http://www.ci.washington.dc.us)

[www.dchomepage.net](http://www.dchomepage.net)

[washington.sidewalk.com](http://washington.sidewalk.com)

[dcregistry.com](http://dcregistry.com)

## Near the US Capitol

### **US SUPREME COURT**

*Across from the US Capitol at First Street and Maryland Avenue NE.* Open 9:30am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday. Tours leave from the Great Hall; Use the Front Plaza Entrance.

PHONE: (202) 479-3395

METRO: Capitol South or Union Station

WEB: [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov)

### **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

*First Street and Independence Avenue SE.* Jefferson Building offers tours at 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm and 4:30pm Monday through Saturday. Groups of 10 or more should make reservations.

PHONE: (202) 707-5458

METRO: Capitol South

WEB: [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

### **UNION STATION**

*Massachusetts Avenue and North Capitol Street NE.* City's rail hub has been restored to its original splendor and now contains stores, movie theaters and restaurants.

PHONE: (202) 371-9441

METRO: Union Station

WEB: [www.lasalle.com/union](http://www.lasalle.com/union)

### **OLD POST OFFICE MUSEUM**

*1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.* Former Washington, DC city post office. Includes shops, restaurants, food court. Visit the observation tower for a wonderful view of the city. Open 10am to 7pm Monday through Saturday; 12pm to 6pm Sundays. Longer summer hours.

PHONE: (202) 289-4224

METRO: Federal Triangle

### **EASTERN MARKET**

*C and 7th Streets SE.* Offers fresh foods and produce, gourmet foods, fresh flowers, souvenirs and collectibles. Carry-out restaurant and indoor vendors open year round; outdoor vendors seasonal.

METRO: Eastern Market

## Near the White House

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

*430 17th Street NW.* Dedicated to the women who cared for the wounded during the Civil War.

PHONE: (202) 737-8300

METRO: Farragut West

### **DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM**

*1776 D Street NW.* Open 8:30am to 4pm Monday through Friday; 1pm to 5pm Sunday.

PHONE: (202) 879-3241

METRO: Farragut West

WEB: [www.dar.org/museum/index.html](http://www.dar.org/museum/index.html)

### **BOY SCOUTS MEMORIAL**

*East side of the Ellipse.*

METRO: Federal Triangle

### **TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

*15th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue NW.* Tours conducted Saturday mornings; reservations are required.

PHONE: (202) 622-0896

METRO: Metro Center or McPherson Square

WEB: [www.treas.gov](http://www.treas.gov)

# All Around Town

## National Archives

**Seventh Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW.** Open 10am to 9pm daily April 1 through Labor Day; 10am to 5:30pm other times.  
PHONE: (202) 501-5205  
METRO: Archives  
WEB: [www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov)

## National Arboretum

**3501 New York Avenue NE.** Offers 450 acres of exotic trees, shrubs and flowers from around the world.  
PHONE: (202) 245-2726  
WEB: [www.ars-grin.gov/ars/beltsville/na](http://www.ars-grin.gov/ars/beltsville/na)

## National Cathedral

**Intersection of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues in northwest DC.** Open 10am to 4:30pm daily; gardens open daily until dusk. Guided tours available Monday through Saturday between 10am and 11:30am and 12:45pm and 3:15pm; Sunday, 12:30pm until 2:45pm.  
PHONE: (202) 537-6207  
METRO: Tenleytown/AU  
WEB: [www.cathedral.org/cathedral](http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral)

## US Holocaust Memorial Museum

**100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW.** Open 10am to 5:30pm daily. Get tickets by calling (800) 400-9373.  
PHONE: (202) 488-0400  
METRO: Smithsonian  
WEB: [www.ushmm.org](http://www.ushmm.org)

## US Navy Memorial

**Pennsylvania Avenue NW between 7th and 9th Streets.** Open 10am to 6pm Monday through Saturday; 12pm to 5pm Sunday.  
METRO: Archives/Navy Memorial

## US Naval Observatory

**34th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW.** Tours held at 8:30pm Mondays, weather permitting.  
PHONE: (202) 762-1467  
WEB: [www.usno.navy.mil](http://www.usno.navy.mil)

## Ford's Theatre

**10th Street between E and F Streets NW.** The theater where Lincoln was assassinated is open daily, except Christmas, 9am to 5pm.  
PHONE: (202) 426-6924  
METRO: Metro Center  
WEB: [www.nds.gov/foth](http://www.nds.gov/foth)

## Bureau of Engraving and Printing

**14th and C Streets SW.** Open 9am to 2pm Monday through Friday.  
PHONE: (202) 874-3188  
METRO: Smithsonian  
WEB: [www.bep.treas.gov](http://www.bep.treas.gov)

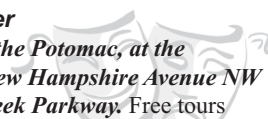


## Federal Bureau of Investigation

**E Street between 9th and 10th Street NW.** Open 9am to 4:15pm Monday through Friday. Tours leave every 15-20 minutes. Reservations needed for groups of 15 or more.  
PHONE: (202) 426-6924  
METRO: Metro Center, Federal Triangle or Archives  
WEB: [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

## Kennedy Center

**On the banks of the Potomac, at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue NW and the Rock Creek Parkway.** Free tours 10am to 5pm Monday through Friday; 10am to 1pm Saturday and Sunday. Free daily concerts on the Millennium Stage.  
PHONE: (202) 416-8340  
METRO: Foggy Bottom/GWU  
WEB: [www.kennedy-center.org](http://www.kennedy-center.org)



# Monuments & Memorials

## WASHINGTON MONUMENT

**On the Mall at 15th Street NW.** View from the observation ports at the peak of the tallest structure on the mall is spectacular! Open 8am to midnight April through Labor Day; 9am to 4:45pm September through March.  
PHONE: (202) 426-6841  
METRO: Smithsonian

## LINCOLN MEMORIAL

**West Potomac Park at 23rd Street NW.** Open 24 hours a day, year round.  
PHONE: (202) 426-6895  
METRO: Smithsonian or Arlington Cemetery

## JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

**South bank of the Tidal Basin.** Surrounded by hundreds of Yoshino and Akebono cherry trees which bloom in late March or early April. Open 24 hours a day, year round.  
PHONE: (202) 426-6841  
METRO: Smithsonian

## TIDAL BASIN

The walk around the Tidal Basin is one of the most popular areas in Washington - especially when the cherry trees are in bloom. Paddleboats are available to rent on the east side of the Basin.  
PHONE: (202) 484-0206  
METRO: Smithsonian

## KOREAN VETERANS MEMORIAL

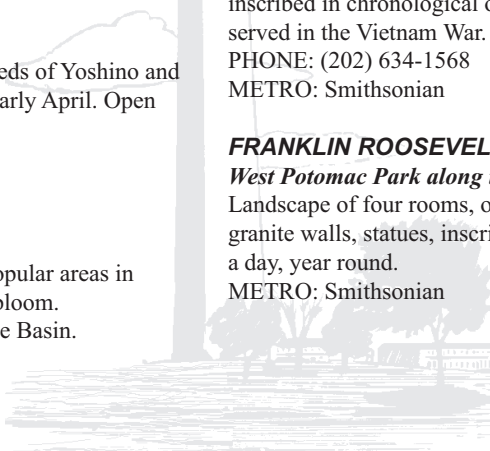
**Between Independence Avenue and Lincoln Memorial.** Consists of a column of soldiers marching towards an American flag by a reflecting pool and a granite wall etched with war scenes. Open 24 hours a day, year round.  
METRO: Smithsonian

## VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

**Near the Lincoln Memorial on Constitution Avenue NW.** Names of more than 58,000 Americans either killed or missing in action are inscribed in chronological order along the Wall, which honors all who served in the Vietnam War. Open 24 hours a day, year round.  
PHONE: (202) 634-1568  
METRO: Smithsonian

## FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

**West Potomac Park along the Cherry Tree Walk of the Tidal Basin.** Landscape of four rooms, one for each term of his Presidency, with granite walls, statues, inscriptions, waterfalls and plants. Open 24 hours a day, year round.  
METRO: Smithsonian



# Fun for the Family

## National Zoo

3001 Connecticut Avenue NW.

Grounds are open from 6am to 6pm daily September 16 to April 30, and from 6am to 8pm May 1 to September 15. Buildings are

open from 10am to 4:30pm in winter months

and from 10am to 6pm in summer months.

PHONE: (202) 673-4717

METRO: Woodley Park Zoo

WEB: [www.si.edu/natzoo](http://www.si.edu/natzoo)

## Area Sports Teams

### WASHINGTON REDSKINS

JKC Stadium; Raljon, MD

PHONE: (202) 432-7328

WEB: [www.redskins.com](http://www.redskins.com)

### BALTIMORE ORIOLES

Oriole Park at Camden Yards;

Baltimore, MD

PHONE: (410) 685-9800

WEB: [www.theorioles.com](http://www.theorioles.com)

### WASHINGTON WIZARDS

MCI Center; Downtown DC

PHONE: (202) 432-7328

WEB: [www.nba.com/wizards](http://www.nba.com/wizards)

### WASHINGTON MYSTICS

MCI Center in downtown DC

PHONE: (202) 661-5050

WEB: [www.wnba.com/mystics](http://www.wnba.com/mystics)

### DC UNITED

RFK Stadium in DC

PHONE: (703) 478-6600

WEB: [www.dcunited.com](http://www.dcunited.com)

### WASHINGTON CAPITALS

MCI Center in downtown DC

PHONE: (202) 432-7328

WEB: [www.nhl.com/teampage/was/1t\\_index.htm](http://www.nhl.com/teampage/was/1t_index.htm)

## Getting Outdoors...

### SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK/SKYLINE DRIVE

*Approximately 75 miles west of Washington.* Shenandoah National Park lies within a beautiful section of the Blue Ridge. Skyline Drive provides spectacular views of the landscape as it winds along the crest of the mountains. Park offers lodging, camping, fishing and other activities. Small entrance fee per vehicle good for seven days.

PHONE: (540) 999-3500

WEB: [www.nps.gov/shen](http://www.nps.gov/shen)

### GREAT FALLS, VIRGINIA

*Just 15 miles from Washington.* The Great Falls of the Potomac showcase cascading rapids, waterfalls and rock. Park offers hiking and biking trails, boating, fishing, rock climbing and picnic area. Small entrance fee per vehicle good for three days.

PHONE: (703) 285-2965

WEB: [www.nps.gov/gwmp/grfa](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp/grfa)

### HARPER'S FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA

*This park covers the area where the states of Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia meet and where the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers converge approximately 65 miles northwest of Washington.* Great shops and trails, including access to the Appalachian Trail and the C&O Canal. Small entrance fee per vehicle good for seven days.

PHONE: (304) 535-6298

WEB: [www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe)

## The Smithsonian Institution

*Located on the Mall.* No Washington tour is complete without visiting the Smithsonian complex. Most museums are open daily, except Christmas, from 10am to 5:30pm. The information center, inside the Castle, is open daily from 9am to 5:30pm. The Air and Space and Natural History Museums have Imax Theaters.

PHONE: (202) 357-2700

METRO: Smithsonian

WEB: [www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

## Amusement Parks

### SIX FLAGS AMERICA

*Located 75 miles south of DC, 20 miles north of Richmond, Virginia.*

PHONE: (804) 876-5000

WEB: [www.sixflags.com/America](http://www.sixflags.com/America)

### PARAMOUNT'S KINGS DOMINION

*Located 20 miles from DC in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.*

PHONE: (301) 249-1500

WEB: [www.pkthrills.com](http://www.pkthrills.com)

### BUSCH GARDENS, WILLIAMSBURG, VA

*Located 150 miles from DC in Williamsburg, Virginia.*

PHONE: (757) 253-3350

WEB: [www.4adventure.com/buschgardens/bg\\_williamsburg/frame.html](http://www.4adventure.com/buschgardens/bg_williamsburg/frame.html)

## Hitting the Shops...

### GEORGETOWN

The oldest section of Washington has many shops and attractions, including the C&O Canal National Historic Park. From April to September the Park Service has mule-pulled boats along the canal.

PHONE: (202) 653-5844

METRO: Foggy Bottom/GWU

### OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

This quaint town offers tree-lined cobblestone streets, rich architecture and great locales for dining and shopping.

METRO: King Street

WEB: [ci.alexandria.va.us](http://ci.alexandria.va.us)

### PENTAGON CITY MALL

METRO: Pentagon City

### METRO CENTER SHOPS

METRO: Metro Center